

Evidence of Preplaced Explosives at the Pentagon

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Abstract

This paper presents compelling evidence that the central fact of the Pentagon attack on September 11, 2001, is the same as at the World Trade Center: inside-the-building explosives which no foreign terrorists could have had the access to plant, making the official narrative of what happened on 9/11 impossible. Physical evidence and eyewitness testimony converge to show that internal as well as external explosions went off beginning at or just after 9:30 a.m., when the official narrative claims Flight 77 was still dozens of miles from Washington and did not approach the building until 9:37:46, and that these primary explosions went off at locations far removed from the official story “plane penetration path” in Wedge One, including in Wedge Two and in the innermost rings well beyond the alleged C Ring “exit” hole.

The FBI knows that explosives are central to the actual 9/11 plot

The FBI’s code names for terrorist investigations known to have been carried out by means of bombs or explosives end in BOM[B] -- for example, the acronym for its Oklahoma City bombing investigation is OKBOM.¹ It is therefore highly significant that the official FBI code name for the investigation of the September 11 attacks is PENTTBOM, which stands for Pentagon Twin Towers Bombing. In this acronym, the abbreviation for Pentagon comes first, followed by that for the Twin Towers, with the notable absence of an abbreviation for Pennsylvania. Robert Mueller, who was FBI director on 9/11, confirmed this to *Time* magazine: “The [FBI’s] SIOC [Strategic Intelligence Operations Center] filled to capacity on 9/11 and remained that way through PENTTBOM, the FBI’s cryptonym for ‘Pentagon,’ ‘Twin Towers’ and ‘Bombing’” [emphasis added], reconfirming *Newsweek*’s report in the immediate wake of the attacks.² Despite the clear inference that the 9/11 investigation, the largest in the agency’s history,³ was focused on bombs, or explosives, FBI briefers lied to the “Jersey Girls,” whose husbands died in the Twin Towers, when they asked why the investigation was called PENTTBOM. They were told it was because “all the FBI’s investigations [code names] end in BOM.”⁴ This is provably false: even the acronym for the agency’s investigation of the 9/11-linked anthrax attacks is AMERITRAX, not AMERIBOM. The truth is, the entire U.S. government knows why the investigation of the Sept. 11 attacks was called PENTTBOM[B], has from the very beginning, and made a conscious

decision to keep the American people, including more than 6,000 victims' family members, not only in the dark but actively deceived about what really happened to cause the mass murder of nearly 3,000 of their fellow citizens.

Reports of primary explosions throughout the chain of command

As detailed by Professor Graeme MacQueen at these Toronto Hearings, more than 100 firefighters, first responders and other eye- and earwitnesses heard and felt explosions inside the WTC Towers in New York City, including at least two dozen reporting massive basement-level explosions in WTC 1 before the first plane hit more than ninety floors above. Similarly, Pentagon eye- and earwitnesses gave testimonies to Department of Defense historians and to the mainstream media that they experienced massive explosions at the Pentagon -- one by April Gallop's desk in Wedge One almost eight minutes before Flight 77 is held by the official story to have come anywhere near the building.

Only minutes before the attack on his own building, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, who was in his office in a section of the Pentagon opposite the alleged impact point, "predicted" that there would be "another event" in addition to the two that had then already taken place in New York City,⁵ and shortly after the attacks told Sam Donaldson of ABC News that his first thought in the wake of the attack was that a bomb had gone off. When Donaldson asked, "What did you think it was?" Rumsfeld replied, "A bomb?"

The 9/11 Commission staff report on its interview with Navy Capt. Charles Joseph "Joe" Leidig, acting deputy director of operations for the Pentagon's National Military Command Center on 9/11, notes, "He [Leidig] had no awareness of AA77 coming back to Washington. His first awareness was a call from the SECDEF's [Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld's] three-star aide who asked if he felt *the explosion in the building*, and asked Leidig to investigate whether it might be a terrorist attack [emphasis added]."⁶ Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta is on record in an interview on the Internet that "Then someone came in[to the White House basement PEOC] and said 'Mr. Vice President, there's been an explosion at the Pentagon.'"

Many other military officers and enlisted personnel inside the building also experienced and reported explosions. Lt. Nancy McKeown, who was in the Naval Command Center on the first floor of the second-in D Ring, said, "It sounded like a series of explosions going off... It sounded like a series of bombs exploding, similar to like firecrackers when you light them and you just get a series going off." This is almost identical to firefighters' descriptions of preplaced explosives going off in the World Trade Center towers in New York City on 9/11. McKeown yelled "Bomb!" when she heard and felt the major explosion, after which tiles fell from the ceiling.⁷ Lt. Col. Thurman, who was on the second floor of the same D Ring, said, "To me it didn't seem like a plane. To me, it seemed like it was a bomb. Being in the military, I have been around grenade, artillery explosions. It was a two-part explosion to me. It seemed like there was a percussion blast that blew me kind of backwards in my cubicle to the side. And then it seemed as if a massive explosion went off at the same time." Army Lt. Col. Victor Correa, who was on the second floor in the Army Personnel area just above the alleged impact point, said, "We thought it was some kind of explosion, that somehow someone got in here and planted bombs

because we saw these holes.”⁸ John Yates, a security manager for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs who was in the same area as Correa just above the alleged impact point, said, “There was no noise. I mean, I did not hear a plane. Just suddenly the room just exploded, and I was blown through the air.”⁹ Even a local mayor who was at the Pentagon that morning had a similar experience, reported by the Frederick (Maryland) *News-Post*. Thurmont Mayor Marty Burns “was leaning against an office doorway when an explosion rocked the Pentagon...Pentagon employees assumed it was a bomb... ‘Where’s the next bomb?’ Burns and his Pentagon colleagues wondered. Even outside the building, Burns saw no indication that a plane had caused the damage.”¹⁰ Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell, who had just come out of a restroom off Corridor 4 in the vicinity of the B Ring, said, “I heard the sound of a very loud explosion. In my number of years in the artillery community, I hadn’t heard anything that loud. I thought it was a bomb.”¹¹ And standing outside the Navy Annex about three football fields’ distance from the building witness Terry Morin recalled, “I saw the flash and subsequent fireball rise approximately 200 feet above the Pentagon. There was a large explosion noise and the low frequency sound echo that comes with this type of sound. Associated with that was the increase in air pressure, momentarily, like a small gust of wind. For those formerly in the military, it sounded like a 2,000-pound bomb going off...”¹² Though this latter report is from an experienced pilot who had just watched a large plane fly overhead to his right along the south side of the Navy Annex, he nevertheless described what the official story alleges to have been an impact, which he could not see, with a bomb-related reference.

The author conducted an interview with Ft. Monmouth Army financial auditor Michael Nielsen, who was on temporary duty assignment at the Pentagon before and on 9/11. He was in the Army financial management area, soon to be among the most destroyed by the attack, only minutes before the Pentagon explosion on the morning of 9/11. He had just returned to his temporary duty office on the ground floor near the building’s cafeteria when he heard and felt a massive explosion. Immediately afterwards, he said, hundreds of Pentagon personnel ran by him down the corridor and out the exit, yelling “Bombs!,” “A bomb went off!” and “It was a *bomb*!” [emphasis added].

Even Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Hugh Shelton, the highest-ranking military officer in the U.S. chain of command, experienced what had to have been the residue of explosives. On page 434 of his biography *Without Hesitation*, General Shelton noted that upon his arrival at the Pentagon he was struck by an overpowering smell of cordite, a substance related to gunpowder that has a distinct and very different odor from that of burning jet fuel. “The smell of cordite was *overwhelming* [emphasis added],” he said. Pentagon worker Don Perkal told MSNBC, “People shouted in the corridor outside [my office] that a bomb had gone off. Even before stepping outside, I could smell the cordite. Then I *knew* explosives had been set off somewhere.”¹³ Department of Defense attorney Gilah Goldsmith reported that immediately after hearing “an incredible whomp noise,” she “saw a huge black cloud of smoke” that “smelled like cordite or gunsmoke.”¹⁴

Army witness April Gallop, who experienced a massive explosion just as she was about to press the ‘on’ button on her computer in Room 1E517 in Wedge Two off Corridor 5 more than 100 feet north of the official story alleged impact point (see Fig. 1, below) also smelled cordite and thought that

it was a bomb. “Being in the Army with the training I had, I know what a bomb sounds and acts like, especially the aftermath,” and it sounded and acted “like a bomb,” Gallop told the author in an under-oath videotaped interview.¹⁵ She also restated this in her court filing and in a videotaped interview with former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura for a TruTV episode on the Pentagon attack aired December 17, 2010.¹⁶ The force of the explosion and/or the impact of debris falling on her stopped her wrist watch at or just after 9:30,¹⁷ almost 8 minutes before the official story says Flight 77 came anywhere near the building. Cordite produces a strong detonation shock wave but is cool burning, which would explain why Gallop could experience a major explosion and yet remain unburned (see Fig. 2, second below).



*Fig. 1. The above graphic from the Pentagon Building Performance Report, with text overlays added, shows the boundary between Wedge 1 and Wedge 2 on the Pentagon's West wall. Wedge 1 is where the official story claims a 757 impacted at 9:37:46 at Column 14 (the tip of the upper red arrow) almost eight minutes **after** a massive explosion had already gone off inside the outer E Ring in Wedge 2 near April Gallop's desk more than 120 feet from the alleged 'impact' that didn't happen until much later. This graphic from the official Pentagon Building Performance Report therefore also depicts the **false** official claim that 90 to 95 percent of the primary internal damage from the attack (V-shaped white area) to the outer E Ring only happened in Wedge 1, whereas there was also massive internal damage inside Wedge 2 that could not have been from any plane impact occurring at the claimed official story impact time of 9:37:46.*



Fig. 2. Army survivor April Gallop rests on the Pentagon lawn after having lost one of her shoes while escaping the destruction (the other shoe was removed before the photo was taken) from an explosion that went off near her desk in Wedge 2 at or just after 9:30. The official story claims that she exited through the alleged impact/entrance point of a plane and through a raging inferno consuming over 11,000 gallons of remaining jet fuel, yet Gallop was unburned, including on the bottoms of her feet. In reality, according to recorded official testimony by her rescuer, Gallop and her infant son were helped out of an outside window not far from her desk in Wedge Two. Her son is being held by the man kneeling at the left.

In sworn videotaped testimony to the author submitted in evidence to these Hearings, Gallop stated that there was no jet fuel and no fire on the floor as she walked out. “I had no jet fuel on me...I didn’t smell any jet fuel...I didn’t see any airplane seats. I didn’t see any plane parts...I didn’t see anything that would give me any idea that there was a plane [in the building],” she said under oath. As the explosion at or near her desk in Wedge Two was many minutes before and many dozens of feet from the alleged impact point in Wedge One, they wouldn’t, however, have been expected. The fires Gallop said she *did* see were “flames coming out of the computers” on desks in the large Army administrative area in the outer E Ring where she worked. In her original interview with an Army historian soon after the attack, Gallop said that her computer “blew.” This was also experienced by other workers closer to the official alleged impact point further south in Wedge 1. As everything went black witness Tracy Webb, whose office was 2E477 on the second floor of the outer E ring off Corridor 4 effectively above the alleged impact point, also saw her “computer burst into flames.”¹⁹

Pentagon wall clocks and April Gallop’s wrist watch were stopped by primary explosions 5 to 8 minutes before the official story says Flight 77 approached the building

Multiple, independently set electric or battery-operated wall clocks in areas of the Pentagon that sustained major damage -- including one outside the main building in the heliport firehouse off the west wall -- were stopped by explosions shortly after 9:30 when the plane the official story claims was Flight 77 was still dozens of miles from Washington. The Navy, whose Naval Command Center was also destroyed by an explosion, immediately posted a photo of one of these wall clocks, stopped at 9:31:40 (right clock in Fig. 3, below) on an official DoD website, and the heliport firehouse clock, stopped at 9:32:30, was in the original official 9/11 exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History

(left clock in Fig. 3, below).²⁰ The photo caption on the Smithsonian website states that “the blast” from the Pentagon attack “knocked the heliport clock from the wall, freezing it at 9:32.” [actually at 9:32:30]



Fig. 3. Some of the west section Pentagon wall clocks stopped shortly after 9:30 on Sept. 11th consistent with early media reports (see below). The clock on the left, from the heliport firehouse outside the west wall, is in the Smithsonian Institution's official 9/11 collection.

The White House 9/11 timeline prepared for internal use only and not expected to be publicly released, which it finally was by the National Archives, also gives the time of the actual (first) Pentagon attack as 9:30:

<https://www.scribd.com/document/12992821/Brief-Timeline-of-Day-of-9-11-Events-drafted-by-White-House>. Though the source is given as a crash of Flight 77, the author(s) of the timeline were not witnesses and entered what they had been told was the cause.

Clearly, if major violent event(s) caused destruction at the Pentagon at and shortly after 9:30, the official story that Flight 77 struck the building at 9:37:46 cannot be the whole or even the most important part of what really happened at the nation's military command center on Sept. 11th.

Early press and media reports of the Pentagon attack time were accurate

Before the Bush-Cheney administration settled on the official story that the Pentagon was attacked at 9:37:46 -- almost 9:38 -- mainstream press reports on the actual time of the first attack were correct:

about 9:30 -- *Reuters*, reported 3:57 p.m. on 9/11/01

about 9:30 -- *USA Today*, reported 6:11 a.m. on 9/12/01

about 9:30 -- *New York Times*, reported on 9/12/01

shortly after 9:30 -- *U.S. News and World Report*, reported on 9/12/01

Preplaced explosives likely triggered the E Ring collapse

Because they contain no definitive evidence of a plane approach prior to the appearance of a fireball, the ‘five frames’ videotapes from the two security cameras outside the west wall are clear evidence only for an explosion either at/in or outside the wall, and there is evidence that the later collapse of a portion of the outside E Ring may have also been due to planted explosives. The contractor hired to do an “autopsy” of the concrete from the structural support columns in the alleged plane penetration path including those supporting the outside wall, American Petrography Services, found temperatures so high and “concentrated for [such] a long period of time” in the portion of the building which later collapsed that some of the concrete “turned to mush.”²¹ The samples “that came from [the concrete of the] columns near the [alleged] crash site” also had “a reddish hue and tints of bright orange...that could be seen with the naked eye” *due to the presence of iron*. This section of the building experienced “the most extreme conditions” that the president of the company “had ever seen,” and though its analysis proposed that “the red and orange colors came from tiny amounts of iron in the rock that were oxidized in extreme heat,” the iron could rather have been due to intense heat generated by super-thermitic reactions at/around the columns similar to those known to have occurred at the WTC, reactions which produce molten iron at temperatures greater than 4,000 degrees F. This temperature is more than sufficient to cut through the steel reinforcement inside the columns that collapsed at c. 10:10 as well as turn their concrete to “mush,” whereas the far lower temperature of quick-burning jet-fuel-initiated office fires -- of only approximately 500 degrees F²² -- is not.

The columns on both sides of the alleged plane “impact/entrance” hole are bowed outward from an internal explosion, not inward from an external impact

Strong evidence that explosion(s) at or near the alleged impact point, rather than a plane or other outside impactor, were the cause of the damage visible along the west wall are photographs showing that the outside columns on both the right and left of the official alleged impact point are bowed out, not in, as can be seen in Figure 4 below:

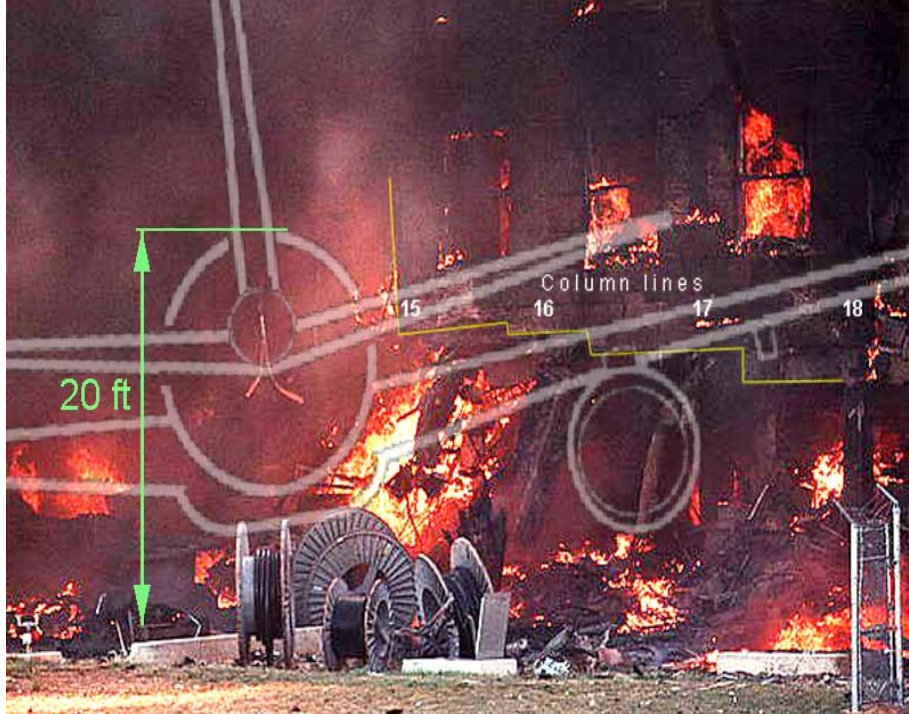


Fig. 4. Outline of a 757 superimposed over the alleged impact point at Column 14, where the official story claims the fuselage of a 100-ton plane hit the wall going at c. 556 mph. Columns 15, 16 and 17 are clearly bowed out, not in, the result of a massive force acting from the inside out, not the outside in. The right six-ton, 9-foot-diameter titanium-and-steel engine represented by the smaller circle could not have struck Column 17, as the official story holds, and that Column still be in place, as it is, let alone bent upwards and outwards. Had it been hit by such a massive and heavy object traveling such high speed, Column 17 would have been instantly destroyed after first being momentarily forced inward. Note also the large quantity of interior debris ejected outwards beyond the wall at the lower right. Photograph by Daryl Donley, Sept. 11, 2001.

The remains of the outer wall columns to the left/north of the alleged impact point were also bowed out and not in, as seen in Fig. 5 below, again consistent with outward pressure from an internal explosion:



Fig. 5. The alleged impact point of Flight 77 is denoted by the red circle.. The outwardly-bowed rebars from the Columns to its left/north can be seen

just above and beyond the roof of the smoking car. Photo by William Morris, New York Post, Sept. 12, 2001; overlays by 9/11 researcher Russell Pickering.

The below photo in Fig. 6 **alone** proves that the official story at the Pentagon cannot be true. It is of the literal alleged ‘bull’s eye’ impact point of the nose and fuselage of a Boeing 757 (red circle) taken after the initial fire was out and before that part of the E Ring collapsed. This alleged impact and fuselage ‘entry’ point extends above, at and below the second-floor floor slab at Column 14 on the West Wall. The second-floor portion of Column 14 that vertically bisects the alleged-fuselage red circle can be clearly seen not only to **still be in place** but **still vertical** though having allegedly been hit **from the right** by a massive 757 going at over 550 mph:

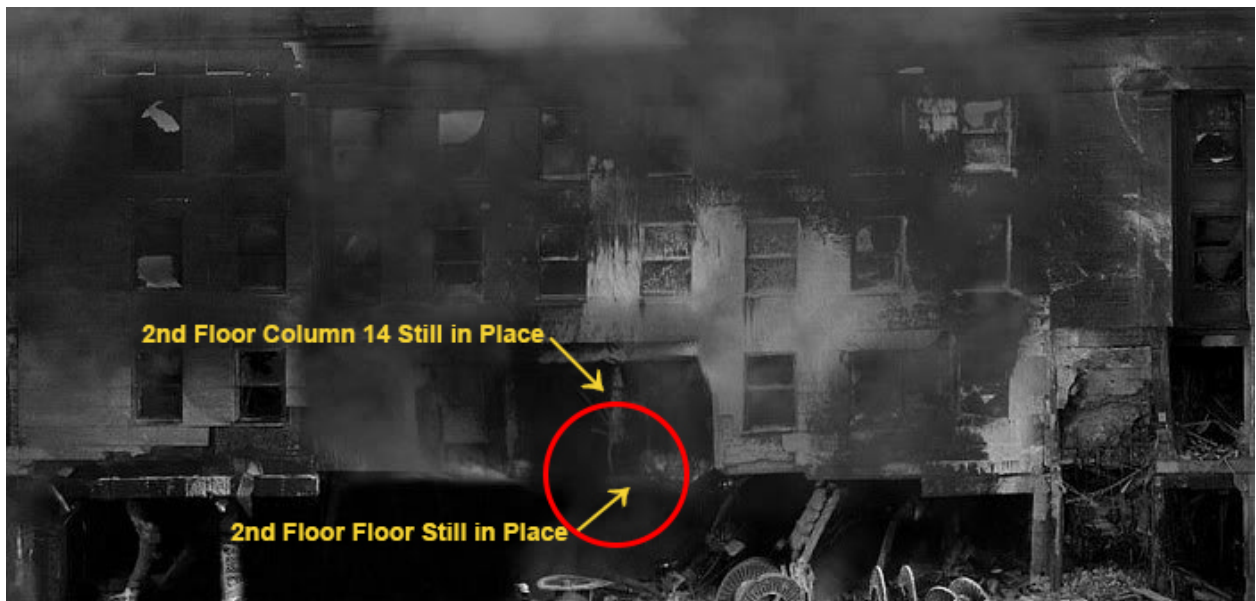


Fig. 6.

Shaped charge explosives created the alleged C Ring “Exit” hole

After studying photos of the alleged “Exit” hole of a plane in the inner wall of the C Ring, such as in Fig. 7 below, shaped charge explosives expert Michael Meyer concluded that the near-perfectly-round, clean-edged hole not only could not have been made by a plane, plane parts or a quasi-liquid slurry of plane parts, office debris and jet fuel (the official claim in the Pentagon Building Performance Report) but is the exact signature of having been caused by a shaped charge explosive placed on the wall. “It is *physically impossible* for the C Ring wall to have failed in a neat, clean circle like that [due to kinetic impact from a plane, plane parts or slurry; emphasis added],” Meyer emphatically stated.



Fig. 7. The earliest known photo, by a DoD photographer, of the near-perfectly-round 9- to to 12-foot diameter alleged “Exit” hole in the inner wall of the third-in C Ring. The opening was created by a shaped charged explosive and the Pentagon’s own spokesman said that none of the debris was from a plane (see the below text).

As for claims that any part of the debris seen in photos of the C Ring opening was from a plane, Terry Mitchell of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Audio/Visual Division, who was given early access to the A-E Drive between the C and B Rings into which the alleged “Exit” hole opens, showed the media a photo like the above at the Pentagon’s September 15th briefing and clearly explained: “This is a hole in [the C Ring]. There was a *punch out*. They *suspect* that this was where a part of the aircraft came through this hole, although *I didn’t see any evidence of the aircraft down there...* This pile [of debris outside the hole] here is all Pentagon [not plane] metal. None of that is [from the] aircraft whatsoever. As you can see, they’ve punched a hole in here. This was punched by the rescue workers to clean it out.” [emphases added] Reporters asked, “We’re trying to figure out how it [even] came [got] into the building” and how far it penetrated,²³ which Mitchell evaded answering. The circle with a crossed “V” spray-painted on both sides of the opening after it was made is, in fact, the international triage marking symbol for “confirmed dead Victims removed.”²⁴ The fact that the data file from the alleged Flight 77 Flight Data Recorder (FDR) was downloaded four hours *before* the official story says the FDR itself was reportedly found just inside this C Ring hole²⁵ and that the only data fields that could have definitively identified the black box as having come from the plane that flew as Flight 77 on 9/11 (or not) were intentionally “zeroed out”²⁶ proves that this most important piece of “wreckage” was manipulated and then planted to make it appear that part of a plane had penetrated to the C Ring. This was almost certainly done by the agency in charge of all the evidence at the Pentagon, the FBI -- the same FBI which code named its Sept. 11th investigation PENTTBOM[B].

Some researchers have suggested that the C Ring “Exit” hole could have been created by a

quasi-liquid “slurry” of unburned jet fuel, wreckage and office debris moving through the alleged “plane penetration path,” but this is physically impossible. In addition to former NASA Dryden Research Division Director of Research Engineering Dwain Deets having shown that all possible paths between the alleged E Ring “impact” point and alleged C Ring “Exit” hole had many steel-reinforced columns still standing after the attack, such a “slurry” would have to have *re-constituted* and *re-focused* itself after being progressively shredded and dispersed from impacting multiple intervening columns, finally forming itself into a perfectly-focused cone of energy capable of exploding a near-perfectly-round hole in the inner C Ring wall. As shown in Fig. 8 below from the Purdue University simulation study, the entire plane would have been shredded after penetrating only half way into the first-in E Ring -- two and a half Rings before the alleged C Ring “Exit” hole.



Fig. 8. Screen capture from the Purdue University simulation study showing the progressive shredding and dispersal a plane would have undergone if it could have penetrated the E Ring wall which had just been hardened to withstand bomb blasts and the force of lateral impacts.

The Pentagon *itself* initially said there were *three* “Exit” holes, not one

The Pentagon originally claimed that there were *three*, not just one, “Exit holes” on the inside of the C Ring. This is shown by Fig. 9 below, a graphic based on information from Pentagon sources publishe



Fig. 9, above. Aerial photograph with overlays based on Pentagon sources showing **three** C Ring “Exit” holes denoted by the three orange dots labeled 1, 2 and 3. These are the precise locations of the **three** openings in the inner C Ring wall in the below official Pentagon aerial photo (Fig. 10) of that same part of the wall taken shortly after the attack:



Fig. 10, above. Official Dept. of Defense aerial photograph of part of the west section of the Pentagon following the collapse of a section of the outer E Ring (top, near center) showing **three** openings in the C Ring wall in the identical positions as the orange dots representing **three** “Exit holes” in the aerial photo with graphic overlays in Fig. 9. The alleged plane “Exit” hole furthest to the right/north actually has significantly **less** blackening from fire and smoke above it than the two further to the left/south, which are open doors.

Although the left/south and middle openings in the inner C Ring in Fig. 10 were not artificially created like the one on the right which the official story later claimed to be the sole “Exit” hole made by parts of or a slurry from a plane -- they are a roll-up door and a door -- the point is not that only one of the three is a new artificial wall breach, but that the Pentagon *itself* initially referred to *all three as* “Exit holes,” clearly putting them all *the same category* as personnel exit/entry locations, as had been explicitly stated by DoD’s own spokesman Terry Mitchell at the Sept. 15th press briefing. And because it is impossible for *any* impactor – whether a plane, a drone or a missile – to be the cause of *three* “Exit” holes *not* in alignment, this is compelling evidence that, at the time the Pentagon gave this information to the *Washington Post* based on which it created the graphic in Fig. 9 showing three C Ring “Exit holes”, that the official story that a plane was the cause of the northernmost “Exit” hole had not yet been consolidated.

There was fire and destruction in the innermost A and B Rings far beyond the alleged C Ring “Exit” hole

Compelling evidence against the official story that a plane caused the internal damage at the Pentagon is that there was fire and destruction in the innermost B *and* A Rings -- one and two rings *further in* towards the center courtyard than the alleged C Ring “Exit” hole that was the furthest alleged point of penetration of any part of a plane.

The author interviewed the then Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations on 9/11, Robert Andrews, a former Green Beret and the top civilian official then in charge of special operations under Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. In this position, Andrews oversaw the Special Operations Command, one of whose operations was the Al Qaeda-tracking-and-data-mining “Able Danger” group which identified three of the four alleged 9/11 hijacker cells more than a year before the attacks and was ordered shut down shortly after Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld took office. Andrews related the following: Immediately after the second WTC attack of 9:03, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld left his office on the Potomac side of the Pentagon and went across the hall to his Executive Support Center (ESC)²⁷ which was set up for teleconferencing. The first Department of Defense statement released just before 10:00 a.m. EDT on 9/11 stated that Rumsfeld was “directing the response” from the “command center in the Pentagon,”²⁸ which was the ESC. From the ESC, Rumsfeld then joined the secure video teleconference of top government officials convened by National Security Council counter-terrorism ‘czar’ Richard Clarke out of the White House Situation Room media room. Clarke, in his book *Against All Enemies*, confirmed that Rumsfeld was among the first officials to come on to this teleconference. Clarke’s account and Robert Andrews’ confirmation of it are thus completely at odds with the official story and the 9/11 Commission Report, which claim that no one could “locate” Rumsfeld until approximately 10:30 a.m. when he suddenly appeared in the National Military Command Center. Also, the fact that Rumsfeld, the military’s top civilian official, was on the White House teleconference with the top official of the Federal Aviation Administration, FAA Director Jane Garvey, also puts the lie to the claim that NORAD fighters weren’t scrambled in time to intercept the second/WTC2, third/Pentagon and fourth/Pennsylvania planes because the military and FAA had “difficulty communicating”. The top-most officials of the Pentagon and the FAA were in fact talking to each other near continuously for hours while Rumsfeld was in the ESC, except for a short period when he went to the West lawn for a photo op, as well as being videotaped on Clarke’s teleconference, a tape which the Bush-Cheney administration refused to make public and which was withheld even from the 9/11 Commission. This videotape is the “Butterfield Tape” of Sept. 11th and must be declassified and released to a new and independent investigation. (During the Watergate scandal, a secretly-made tape of President Nixon’s Oval Office conversations revealed by Alexander Butterfield became the “Smoking Gun” which forced Nixon to resign rather than face impeachment in the House and trial by the Senate.)

According to Andrews, immediately after the second WTC tower was struck at 9:03, he and an aide left his office and ran down to Rumsfeld’s west section Counterterrorism Center (CTC). While they were in the CTC, a sudden violent event caused the ceiling tiles to fall and smoke to pour into the room. Andrews immediately looked at his watch, which read c. 9:35 but which was set fast to ensure timely arrival at meetings, so the actual time was closer to 9:32. He and the aide then immediately left the CTC to join Secretary Rumsfeld in his Executive Support Center across the hall from his official office. En route to the ESC, Andrews said that when he and his aide entered the corridor on the *innermost A ring* of the west section, “we had to walk over dead bodies” to get to the central courtyard. This A Ring is two rings further in towards the center from the alleged ‘Exit’ hole in the third-in C Ring which the official story says should

have been the furthest point of any major damage and deaths as it was claimed to be the furthest that any part of a plane or damage from a plane penetrated.

Once in the Pentagon's inner courtyard, Andrews and his aide ran to Rumsfeld's Executive Support Center, where he joined the Secretary as his special operations/counterterrorism adviser during Clarke's White House video teleconference. When they arrived, Andrews said, Rumsfeld was already on the teleconference,²⁹ and while there, Andrews said Rumsfeld spoke with President Bush. Whether this was via Clarke's teleconference or by phone or other means was not clarified. The fact that Rumsfeld personally spoke with Bush while he was in his Pentagon ESC was published on an official DoD website, of the Naval Postgraduate School. The author's sworn affidavit as to the content of the interview with Robert Andrews has been provided to the panelists and organizers of these Toronto Hearings.

In addition to the deaths, and by inference violent events that caused them, encountered by Andrews and his aide on the inside of the innermost fifth-in A Ring, there also was massive damage and fire on the inside of the fourth-in B Ring. This, again, is one ring further in towards the center courtyard from the official story alleged plane "Exit" hole on the inside of the third-in C Ring. The day after 9/11, the *Washington Post* reported that "the attack destroyed *at least four* of the five 'rings' that spiral around the massive office building... A 38-year-old Marine major... said he and dozens of his colleagues rushed to the area in the Pentagon that appeared *most* heavily damaged -- *the B Ring* between the 4th and 5th corridors." [emphases added] The major said that the B Ring area "was decimated" and "that heat and fire, it could eat you alive in three seconds." In his interview with the Army's Center of Military History, Lt. Col. Victor Correa, who was in Room 2C450 in the middle C Ring at the time of the attack, said he saw "*the windows* in the B Ring go out and [then] come in -- like the pressure, the blast, made the windows go out,"³⁰ [emphasis added], again consistent with a massive internal explosion inside the B Ring. Also, members of the Pentagon Rescue Team told the *Washington Post* that "When we got into the building we started to feel the heat right away, and as we walked *deeper* down the hallways [further towards the center] it got *hotter and hotter*. It was just fire everywhere. Not so much smoke, but just fire all around us. You couldn't see a plane, just debris everywhere you looked."³¹ [emphases added]

It is physically impossible for any impactor, whether a plane or otherwise, that allegedly penetrated only to the middle C Ring, as the official story holds, to cause massive damage, fire and deaths in the *two rings further in*. More importantly, *no* foreign terrorist -- Al Qaeda or otherwise -- but only insiders could have had the access to plant explosives *anywhere* inside the Pentagon, arguably the most highly secure and strictly controlled building on the planet, regardless of where in the building. That is, the Pentagon attack was *not* a 'foreign terrorist' attack.

Evidence that some of the inside explosives were targeted

Once it is realized that the most important story at the Pentagon -- as at WTC 1, 2 and 7 in New York City -- is preplaced inside explosives, the possibility that specific offices or functions were targeted not only becomes possible, it in fact becomes likely. No foreign

terrorist would have chosen the hardest-to-hit place on the Pentagon -- just above the ground in the only wedge that had just been hardened, that was the least populated, and that presented the greatest obstacle course including a hill, highway signs, light poles, a tall antenna, a chain-link fence and six-foot-high spools – as a target. Outside terrorists would have chosen the surest, simplest, fastest dive straight into the roof over the “highest value” targets – the offices of the Secretary of Defense and top-ranking military officers on the opposite side of the building. It therefore had to have been, rather, the perceived necessity by insiders of taking out one or more functions located on the first floor of the Pentagon’s west side that was the real reason for both the explosives being placed in those areas and the need to create the appearance of a plane impact on such a “mission impossible” target to appear to account for the damage.

The two Pentagon areas with by far the most physical destruction and fatalities were the Army administrative area on the first floor of the outer E Ring, and the Naval Command Center on the first floor of the second-in D Ring, and there is evidence that both areas were, in fact, targeted by planted inside explosives. Pentagon sources even said so to the *Washington Post* immediately after the attacks.

The Pentagon’s Naval Command Center was targeted

Shortly after the attacks, the *Washington Post* published the below graphic (Fig. 11) entitled “The Targeted Ones” sourced to the “U.S. Navy, Navy personnel and Department of Defense” http://4.bp.blogspot.com/_j1WCY4T_2yI/SSJfSvi0LI/AAAAAAAAAEzI/OS7hJJYawTY/s1600-h/PENTAG~1.GIF showing the Naval Command Center as an internal target of the attack,³² all of whose offices were well beyond the furthest point into the E Ring to which the *Pentagon Building Performance Report* claimed a plane’s fuselage penetrated. The NCC’s functional divisions are shown in the office -ayout key at the top, in which the “intel cell” in the right corner is No. 8:

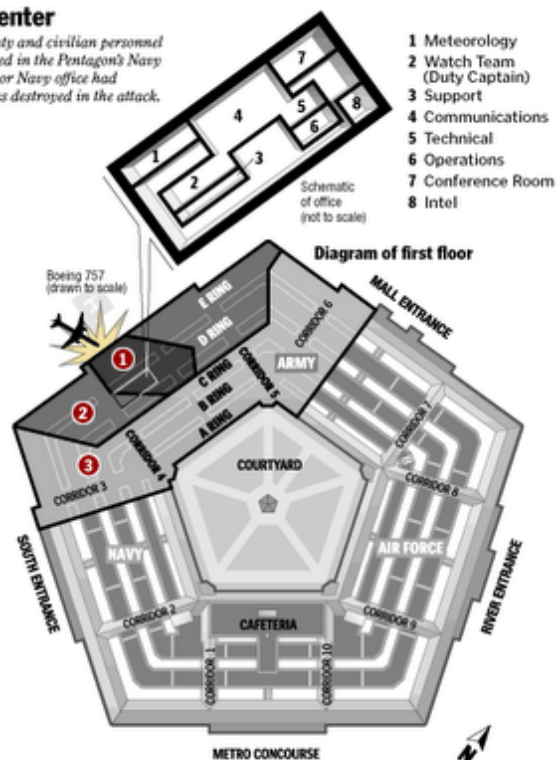
Navy Command Center

More than half of the active duty and civilian personnel the Navy lists as missing worked in the Pentagon’s Navy Command Center. The first-floor Navy office had recently been renovated but was destroyed in the attack.

Degree of damage

- 1 **Structural:** Catastrophic damage was done to support columns on the first and second floors.
- 2 **Fire:** Fireballs—fed by the jet’s fuel—exploded and spread laterally down the hallways of E and D rings. Under the slate roof, spot fires continued to burn as late as Thursday night.
- 3 **Water:** Water damage extends through roughly a third of the Pentagon as a consequence of firefighting efforts.

SOURCES:
U.S. Navy and Navy personnel,
Department of Defense



REPORTING BY BRENNAN MALONEY; GRAPHIC BY DOUG STEVENS, LARRY FOGEL, AND CRISTINA RIVERO—THE WASHINGTON POST

Fig. 11, above, *Washington Post* graphic of “The Targeted Ones” in the Pentagon’s Naval Command Center based on information obtained from Navy and Defense Dept. sources.

The Naval Command Center was the second-most-destroyed area of the Pentagon on 9/11, after the Army personnel and administrative area, the latter of which is addressed below. NCC personnel had recently moved into their new offices on the first floor of the outer E and next-in D Rings. The NCC was also the only military service command center in the targeted west wedge. The other service command centers, for the Air Force and Army, as well as the National Military Command Center and offices of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff, were all in untargeted wedges.

Significantly, in the report on its investigation of the damage to the building -- the *Pentagon Building Performance Report* -- the American Society of Civil Engineers states that the sole upward-thrust section of the second-floor floor slab in the alleged “plane penetration path” was likely due by “an *independent explosion*”, not from an impact and fire, because, it states, (the official story claims that) a plane penetrated essentially level and fire would have at the most collapsed the second floor downwards: “The explosion, suggested by the raised [second] floor section, might represent an *independent explosion*.” [emphasis added] This second-floor concrete slab that was thrust upwards by a major independent-of-a-plane-impact force is, not surprisingly, just above the first-floor Naval Command Center that experienced a massive and reportedly targeted explosion. In Fig. 12 below, compare the location of the Naval Command Center in the above graphic in Fig. 11 with the location of the orange rectangular area that represents this upward-thrust second-floor slab near the center of the alleged plane penetration path (gray area).

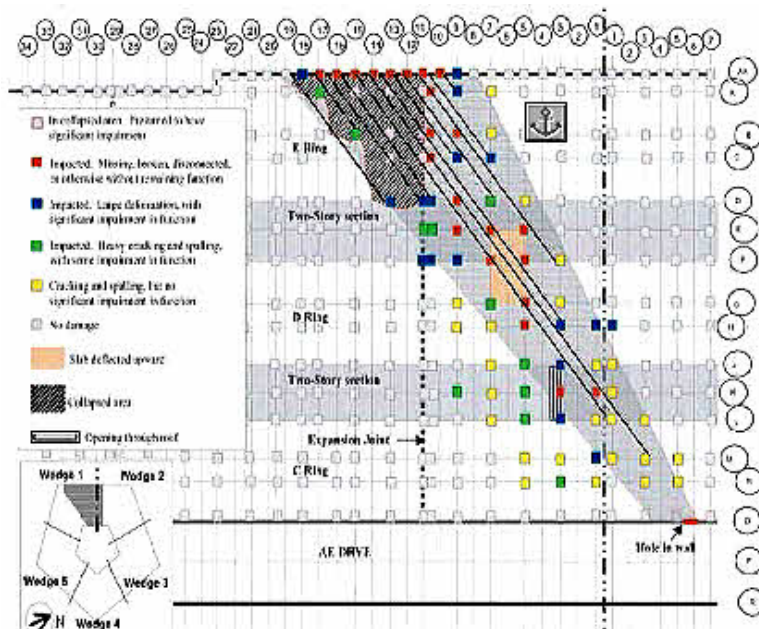


Fig 12, above. Graphic from Fig. 7.9 of the *Pentagon Building Performance Report* showing the location and condition after the attack of structural support columns in the outer three rings.

All columns in the dark gray area in the upper left, including those along the outer wall, are noted as “presumed” destroyed before the wall collapse over this area. The second-floor floor slab in the orange rectangle bounded by six columns near the center of the alleged “plane penetration” path was thrust upwards by a vertical force which the Report acknowledges was likely an explosion “independent of any [plane] impact” and is directly over the internally-targeted Naval Command Center.

The official story codified in the *9/11 Commission Report* and repeated by most of the mainstream media holds that all but one of the military personnel present in the Naval Command Center on the morning of Sept. 11 died in the attack and that alleged sole survivor was Navy Lt. Kevin Shaeffer.³³ One possibility as to why it was targeted is what Shaeffer told the quarterly magazine CHIPS: “The Navy Command [Center] would have been able to prove what hit the World Trade Center [and almost certainly also what was about to hit -- or not -- the Pentagon itself] if we had not been hit” by *the explosion*.³⁴ [emphasis added] Notably, had it not been targeted, the NCC also could have ordered Navy fighters to intercept the planes it had determined NORAD was not responding to in a timely manner, which on 9/11 was all of them.

That something extremely important and apparently highly threatening to Bush-Cheney administration higher-ups was being pursued by the Naval Command Center’s intel cell is underscored by yet another cover-up -- of the real number of NSC personnel killed there on Sept. 11th. The official story holds that 42 of 43 military personnel who were in the Pentagon’s Naval Command Center on Sept. 11 were killed,³⁸ with Lt. Kevin Shaeffer being the sole survivor. But the author was told something very different by the military officer who had been in command of the Navy Anti-Terrorism Division in the NCC on 9/11, Coast Guard Reserve Rear Adm. Jeffrey Hathaway.³⁹ After the *USS Cole* was attacked in Aden Harbor, Yemen, on Oct. 12, 2000, Hathaway was put in charge of Navy counterterrorism force protection, for which he had been assigned to the NCC before Sept. 11th. Admiral Hathaway told the author that Shaeffer was not the only survivor, but that “the *majority* of the 18- to 19-person *intelligence cell* (the very No. 8 in the Pentagon graphic in Fig. 11) who were in a hardened room inside the Naval Command Center *also* survived” the explosion. Whether the minority among the “18 to 19” who were killed included the seven members of the super-secret Chief of Naval Operations-Intelligence Plot (CNO-IP) is unclear. Regardless, what is clear is that there was a decision by the highest levels of the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld administration to hide the fact that there were far more survivors of the inside targeted attack on the Naval Command Center than just Lt. Shaeffer, who these survivors were, what they knew, and what they were doing that caused them, their computers and their files to be targeted.

The Army financial audit area was targeted

The Army’s administrative, personnel and financial management/audit offices were the most heavily damaged areas with the greatest number of casualties at the Pentagon on Sept. 11th. Nearly three dozen of the 125 Pentagon victims were auditors, accountants and budget analysts, all or almost all of whom worked in the Army area. The day before 9/11, Secretary of Defense

Rumsfeld had publicly announced that the Pentagon was “missing” -- that it allegedly could not account for -- \$2.3 Trillion dollars.³⁵ (Some reports gave the amount as \$2.6 Trillion.) To put this number into perspective, after more than a decade the total cost of both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars was, according to some reports, approximately this same amount. The question thus naturally arises, were the auditors in the Army area who were trying to “follow the money” -- and the computers that were helping them do it -- intentionally targeted by the inside explosives at the Pentagon on September 11th? The author was the first to suggest this possible nexus, in *The Pentagon Attack Papers* published in *The Terror Conspiracy* by Jim Marrs.³⁶ Recall also that the fires seen by April Gallop, who told a conference audience that her office was not far from that of the Army auditors, were those coming out of the Pentagon computers. Michael Nielsen, an Army financial auditor interviewed by the author, said that the auditors’ computers could indeed have been targeted and that their records were in fact destroyed in the Pentagon attack.

Similar to the heavily damaged Army financial management/audit area, there is also reason to suspect that the Naval Command Center’s intelligence cell was targeted because it was looking into what could have become grounds for a financial scandal with potential major geopolitical implications. A recent analysis claims that the NCC intel cell was investigating \$240 Billion in secret securities that had been illegally used to sabotage the Soviet Union’s economy during the Cold War, that these securities were to become redeemable the day after the attacks, and that some of the financial entities involved in the securities had their offices and kept the records related to this highly sensitive covert operation in World Trade Center 7.³⁷ Given this context, it may prove important that Phillip Zelikow -- a former member of President George H.W. Bush’s National Security Council, a close colleague of and co-author with President George W. Bush’s NSC Director Condoleezza Rice, an expert in the creation and maintenance of “Myths of State” -- such as the Official Story of 9/11 -- and the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission which codified the “New Pearl Harbor” State Myth -- headed the Harvard study that used the CIA’s own documents to “exonerate” the agency of charges that the Bush Sr.-led Team B had fixed ‘intelligence’ on the Soviet Union around covert Cold War decisions. As one of the most sensitive such decisions, if this nexus were true, would have been the use of billions of dollars to sabotage the Soviet Union, Zelikow and George Bush Sr. would have shared a special interest in seeing that documents on this most secret of covert operations reportedly held in and being scrutinized by the Naval Command Center intel cell were destroyed. Zelikow had also defended the “Myth of State” that the original Pearl Harbor was a surprise attack in an Amazon critique of Robert Stinnett’s ground-breaking expose of the truth about Pearl Harbor, *Day of Deceit*, in which Stinnett documents President Roosevelt’s provocation of Japan and the set up of Navy ships as “sitting ducks” to ensure a spectacularly “successful” attack.

In addition to strategic and financial motives, there is yet another reason that the Naval Command Center’s intelligence cell and adjacent damaged Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) offices may have been internally targeted: their participation in Able Danger, the pre-9/11 Special Operations Command data mining and analysis operation that had identified at least two of the three “Al Qaeda” cells and four of the lead hijackers allegedly responsible for the 9/11 attacks including ‘ringleader’ Mohammed Atta, and which Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld ordered shut down in late January 2001 immediately after taking command of the Pentagon, apparently not wanting the future hijackers to be tracked.

Naval Command Center survivor Lt. Kevin Shaeffer's testimony is also strong evidence that the NCC explosion was a primary event, unrelated to any plane impact. He insisted that the massive orange fireball that destroyed the Center, which Lt. Cmdr. Tarantino described as "a *bombed out* office space"⁴⁰ (emphasis added) happened "at *precisely* 9:43." As the official story claims that a plane didn't impact until 9:37:46, over five minutes later, and that whatever allegedly penetrated to the C Ring did so in less than one second, or by 9:37:47, even if the official story were true Flight 77 could not have been the source of the Naval Command Center explosion and destruction. As the first Pentagon explosion was by April Gallop's desk in the Wedge Two E Ring even earlier, at 9:30, and another at 9:32:30 at/near the outside heliport firehouse stopped the heliport clock at that time, the 9:43 NCC explosion was the *third* major explosion heard and felt by renovation team member Terry Cohen, which she said was "about 15 minutes later."⁴¹ Yet still another primary explosion, which occurred at c. 10:10 and was almost certainly the result of the detonation of shaped charge explosives, brought down the section of the outer west wall over the alleged plane impact point, reported live by local television.⁴²

The Pentagon attack is *Central* to the 9/11 plot

Though the attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York City were more spectacular, it is the attack on the Pentagon, the nation's iconic national military facility, that most fully turned the Sept. 11 attacks into the "New Pearl Harbor" called for by the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) one year earlier. It was the Pentagon attack that ensured that the Bush-Cheney administration could use the combined attacks as a pretext for being "at war"; for establishing the first-ever U.S. mainland combatant command, NORTHCOM; for rolling out its global domination agenda; and for creating and consolidating a domestic surveillance state. Alone, the attacks on the World Trade Center could have been credibly argued to be "a bigger World Trade Center '93" or "a bigger Oklahoma City," both of which had been successfully legally addressed by the civilian courts. The Pentagon attack is thus the core of the real 9/11 plot without which George W. Bush could not have become the "war president" he said he wanted to be before even running for the office; without which the military pretext for "preemptive" wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and beyond would not have existed; without which Vice President Cheney could not have realized his long-sought goal of concentrating power in a "unitary executive" with near-absolute authority of a monarch over defense and foreign policy;⁴³ and without which President Bush could not have credibly invoked his Article II commander-in-chief military powers to justify repeat violations of the Constitution and U.S. and international law in the wake of the attacks.

Because the "New Pearl Harbor" – the Pentagon – *had* to be "successfully" attacked, such a critical pretext for endless war could not be left to foreign terrorists. It had to be planned and, most importantly, controlled and executed by the very insiders who then used it as a pretext to roll out their entire global domination and domestic surveillance state agenda. Foreign terrorists could never have come up with a plot line so perfectly resonant with the original Pearl Harbor deep within the American psyche: an expertly scripted kamikaze attack by suicide pilots using planes as weapons, this time to attack buildings instead of ships. At most, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, Ramzi bin Alshibh

and the other “9/11 Five” co-conspirators awaiting “trial” in Guantanamo *planned* a 9/11-like attack, but they are not the real terrorists. The real terrorists are insiders who are still at large and must be brought to justice through a new, truly independent 9/11 investigation.

Author’s Note

The findings on preplaced explosives contained in this Chapter are necessary but not sufficient to explain the key events at the Pentagon on Sept. 11th. For these Hearings, a request was made by the organizers and honored by the author that the author focus only on that aspect of the attack. For the author’s broader analysis rebutting official story claims about Flight 77 and the role of other planes observed at and near the Pentagon on 9/11, see the video documentary ‘Behind The Smoke Curtain: What Happened at the Pentagon on 9/11, and What Didn’t, and Why It Matters’ at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXBk8JqwFlw&feature=youtu.be>.

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